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SUBJ: JAPANESE TRUCKS FOR TANZANIA VIA BAHAMAS

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF C. ITOH TRADING COMPANY, ON OF JAPAN'S LARGEST TRADING FIRMS, VISITED EMBASSY FEB 13 TO INQUIRE AS TO STATE OF US-BAHAMAS RELATIONS. REPRESENTATIVES EXPLAINED THAT C. ITOH OFFICE IN PARIS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A MAN NAMED CONSTANTINE JOHN, WHO CLAIMED TO WANT TO PLACE A CASH ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT FOR 1,800 (ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED) HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS FOR DELIVERY TO TANZANIA. IN VIEW OF ANGOLA CIVIL WAR AND CONCERN LEST C. ITOH BECOME INVOLVED IN INADVISABLE BUSINESS, COMPANY'S PARIS OFFICE BROKE OFF CONTACT WITH JOHN WITHOUT OBTAINING FURTHER SPECIFICS OF ORDER. C. ITOH DID TRY TO CHECK OUT JOHN'S STORY THAT HE WAS "ADVISOR TO BAHAMIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE," BUT COULD NOT EVEN LOCATE A BAHAMIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS.

2. WE TOLD C. ITOH REPS THAT SO FAR AS WE WERE AWARE, US-BAHAMAS RELATIONS ARE NORMAL. IN RESPONSE TO OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION, C. ITOH REPS SAID THEY HAD NOT YET APPROACHED GOJ.

3. WE PASS THIS BIZARRE BIT OF INFO ON TO ADDRESSEES
ON OUTSIDE CHANCE IT MAY HAVE SOME INTELLIGENCE VALUE.
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